

City of Springdale Council

October 7, 2015

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on October 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

The governmental body and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. McNear took roll call. Council members Diehl, Emerson, Harlow, Knox, Squires, and Vanover were present.

The minutes of the September 16th, 2015 City of Springdale City Council meeting were considered. Mr. Squires made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Harlow seconded. With a vote of 6 – 0, the minutes of the September 16th, 2015 City Council meeting were approved as submitted.

President Vanover: Council, I think I touched base with everybody, but just to make the announcement – at this point, we will do the at-large Council appointment, so at this point, and I will open the floor for nominations.

Mr. Squires: Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen, I take great pride in introducing to you to fill the vacancy for the at-large position on City Council the name of Carmen Daniels. When I knew Carmen, she was Carmen Taylor - she was a 1982 graduate of Princeton High School; she graduated with my daughter, Allison. This young woman just has everything that you would want in a Council member. She's constantly community-oriented. She's been Treasurer, Chair Coordinator, and Coach for over 25 years in the Lincoln Heights Valley Booster Club. She's an Outreach Coordinator. She conducts food pantries for Free Store. She served as Chairperson of the Trustee Board of Ebenezer Second Baptist Church in Lincoln Heights; oversees all of the finances and staffing needs there. She's been a member of the Springdale Recreation Commission for over 16 years. As I said, Carmen graduated in 1982; she had a son, Eric, who graduated in 2000. Eric was a pretty good basketball player. You have to be good to play for the University of Kentucky – I think everybody knows that and Eric did play varsity basketball at UK. Carmen has said she's always had the desire to serve and been recognized as a service-oriented individual by a previous employer, the Kroger Company, and she became the first recipient of the Barney Kroger Award at that corporation. Members of Council, if you will look at the second page there, you will see the summary of what Carmen has done business-wise. I'll point out, under Hardware and Software, that there's only a few things on there that I recognize. I know what Cobalt is; I certainly know what Windows XP is; I know what Visual Basic is because I taught that, but the remainder of them, I don't have an idea what they were but there's just an awful lot of hardware and software there that she's an expert in and she did that in terms of her professional employment - data analysis, Business Analyst, tester – a lot of explaining there. Education - The Ohio State University, in Columbus, Ohio; she's a graduate there. Look at the awards that she has – the Greater Cincinnati Urban League African-American Leadership Program, the Kroger Barney Award, Cincinnati Herald Nephrites Award – that says Egyptian, Carmen, you may want to explain that. Look at the Outreach experience that you see on the next page – just a tremendous amount of things that this lady does - Trustee of the Princeton Education Foundation, Precinct Executive since 2008; Mothers of Professional Basketball Association, she's been Secretary since 2013. The Ohio State University awarded her degree in B.S. in Communications and Information Science. Just an awful lot of nice things to say about this woman and I'm pleased to have known her; I've known her for a long time. I've been privileged to be in her home and we've talked about getting her involved in community politics, if you will, for some time and now she's here and she wants to do it so I take great pride in nominating Carmen Daniels for that position, Mr. President. Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you, Mr. Squires.

Mr. Diehl: I'd like to bring forth the name of Lawrence Hawkins III. Lawrence has been a member of the Council for the past six years.

President Vanover: Are there any other nominations? Seeing none, we'll close nominations. We're passing out paper and it will be a secret vote and then we'll tally the counts.

(Mrs. McNear read the Council Votes, 5 – 1 for Lawrence Hawkins.)

City of Springdale Council

October 7, 2015

President Vanover: I guess at this point we will affirm the appointment of Mr. Hawkins to the vacant seat.

Mr. Forbes conducts the swearing-in:

Mr. Hawkins: I, Lawrence Hawkins, do solemnly swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio, and to faithfully, honestly, and impartially perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability, so help me God. (Applause)

Mayor Webster: As I did two weeks ago with Mr. Anderson, who was the unsuccessful candidate to take over the district seat, I'd just like to tell Carmen there that there's certainly no losers here. I'm sitting here as Mr. Forbes is administering this oath and I'm taking so much pride in the fact that I got you started in Parks and Recreation and I got this young man started on Planning Commission so I was a winner either way the vote went tonight. Anyway, thank you very much for getting involved and it's so encouraging to see so many young people getting involved in the political process and I think that speaks well for the city so thank you very much for applying and hang in there, Carmen.

President Vanover: I guess at this point we'll move into Communications.

Communications

Mrs. McNear: Thank you, Mr. President. I do have one letter this evening. This is from Tom Wahl at 401 Lisbon Lane, Crossings at the Park resident since 2006:

"I want to thank the city officials for all the energy and work that they have accomplished up to this point with the proposed PUD for the Tri-County Commerce Park. I do, however, have concerns on how the proposed new development will impact the residents of Crossings at the Park, the City of Springdale, and the community overall.

Traffic as I have mentioned in every meeting to date is the biggest consideration and must be looked at in great detail how it will affect specifically the 48 home owners who live within the "Crossings at the Park" community. In the early 1980 time period when the GEEAA Park was operating at its peak, the train just west of the Park crossed directly over State Route 747, making traffic conditions a nightmare to deal with for a great number of Springdale citizens and residents in surrounding areas and the Park members using the facility.

30 years later and in 2006 a train overpass was finally completed and traffic was greatly improved. Now, 10 years later, my concern is that we will go back in time 40 years with excessive semi-trucks and cars trying to get to and into and out of the proposed new Tri-County Commerce Park. There needs to be a development that will work without taking us back 40 years in time.

The 48 residents living at Crossings at the Park are the first priority for this concern. Most would have no knowledge of how bad it was to drive through this area before the train overpass was completed and opened. Nor could the residents have imagined that they would be in this situation today after millions of dollars were spent to make that improvement which lead to the further extensive improvements named "Crossings at the Park", in our 17-acre community.

I ask for your help and consideration – there must be a way to solve what needs to be accomplished now to continue to keep Springdale an excellent community to live in for every resident. I believe that the Planning Commission has helped greatly to work out a solution for the east side development, but the west still needs considerations for the 48 residents living there.

Noted below are several important changes required to abate traffic issues and assure the safety and well-being of our 55 and over community:

City of Springdale Council

October 7, 2015

1. *Change Building 3, currently planned as a warehouse on the six acres in the north/west section of the property, to be an office building or an Assisted Living complex or anything but, not a warehouse.*

2. *Limit all truck traffic to enter and exit only where there is a traffic light to improve the flow of traffic. That would be Crescentville Road only, if a light is not possible on State Route 747. Trucks would not be allowed access west of the Warehouse 8 entrance and exit.*

3. *Limit the hours for the construction process to some agreed-to evening hour acceptable to all parties. No work activity on Sundays.*

4. *Oversee that the entire property is maintained properly throughout the construction period and not just that which is under construction. This would include all trees are maintained in a healthy state and all landscape is properly maintained including but not limited to grass cutting, mulching, replacements as required, snow removal and that all roads are paved and maintained for safe driving conditions.*

5. *Limit warehouse operations to some agreed-to evening hour agreed to by all parties.*

6. *Assure that all roadways are suitable for travel throughout the years of the construction period and that each new building owner complies with the requirement for all time.*

7. *Noise restrictions need to be in place after a pre-established agreed-to standard and time agreed to be the parties.*

There may be other considerations and no city has better people to police, protect and look after its residents than the City of Springdale.”

Mrs. McNear: Mr. President, that concludes the Communications. Thank you.

Mayor Webster: Mrs. McNear, may I get a copy of that letter?

Mrs. McNear: Certainly.

Mayor Webster: I don't know if anybody else wants one but I'd like to have a copy.

President Vanover: Before we move into Communications from the Audience, I want to clarify a couple of points – We have the first reading of Ordinance 22-2015, which is the Planned Unit Development at GEEAA Park. This is not a Public Hearing tonight, so if you have any comments pertaining to that, the Communications from the Audience timeframe either now or at the end of the meeting would be your window tonight and then, our next meeting in two weeks, we will have the Public Hearing and that will be much as what we've seen thus far.

Communications from the Audience

Mrs. Matheny: Hello, I'm Julie Matheny with the Springdale Chamber of Commerce. I'm here to invite and announce to all of you as well as the viewing public and the audience that our 10th Annual Business Community Expo and Chili Cook-Off will be coming up next Tuesday, October 13th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Community Center. There will be at least 11 to 12 chili vendors offering free samples – there will be ballots for voting and we're encouraging people to come out and vote and make good chili to see if somebody else might win this year other than the Fire Department. We have a big X on them; they're the target. We'll also have door prizes and we'll have businesses there displaying their literature and to talk to you and the residents and so forth. We also have a new twist this year – we have five of our Farmer Market vendors that will be there selling some of their fall products, such as their pumpkins and gourds and mums and things like that. I hope all of you can stop by at some point and we'll see you next Tuesday. Thank you.

City of Springdale Council

October 7, 2015

President Vanover: Thank you. Would anyone else like to address Council?

Presentation - Mill Creek Watershed Council 20th Anniversary Celebration

Mr. Thamann: Tonight I will introduce Matt Latham. Matt is a staff member with the Mill Creek Watershed Council. They've recently celebrated their 20th Anniversary and they had a Proclamation signed by all members and Matt's here just to talk about the Council.

Mr. Latham: Thank you, Mr. President, Mr. Mayor, Members of Council. I'm here basically to say thank you to the City of Springdale for 20 years of partnership with the Mill Creek Watershed Council to improve the Mill Creek. The Watershed Council is a non-profit organization that functions as a body where we can have coordinated decision making for the Mill Creek Watershed, which includes 34 different political jurisdictions. So the need for watershed-based decision making to improve Mill Creek's water quality is vitally important. Twenty years ago, in 1995, the Watershed Council was formed shortly after the Mill Creek was named America's most endangered urban river. Since then, we have made great strides in improving the water quality in the Mill Creek, both through water-shed wide action to reduce impervious surfaces and to install storm water best management practices but also in partnership with the Metropolitan Sewer District and with Butler County Water and Sewer. All together, we have made great strides to improve water quality in the Mill Creek. There is still much work to be done and that is why we greatly appreciate this City's willingness to sign the renewed 20th Anniversary Intragovernmental Agreement to continue partnership for Mill Creek improvement well into the future. So thank you and I'd just like to present this copy of the signed document. Thank you.

Mayor Webster: Thank you very much; I appreciate that.

Introduction of New Employee

Mr. Parham: Council, we want to introduce to you this evening and to the public, our new Public Health Commissioner, Mr. Matt Clayton. Matt, if you would step forward please. I think, as most of you know, we went through a transition period with our old Health Commissioner resigning. We then went out for a recruitment process to fill the position. We were able to identify Matt. Matt began his employment with the City on August 24th and I must say that since Matt has begun, he has taken the ball and it's very hard to slow him down. There's no way we're going to stop him but just slow him down is a task. Matt is originally from Birmingham, Alabama. He received his Bachelor degree in Environmental Science from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Following five years of working in the private sector as a chemist, he began his employment with Hamilton County as a Registered Sanitarian and worked for Hamilton County for about four years. Then in 2003, Matt began a long career with the City of Cincinnati's Health Department, also as a Registered Sanitarian. Being so large with those two departments, you have an opportunity to specialize in various aspects of the department. Sometimes when you talk with their sanitarians, they may not have hit all of the different disciplines. Matt had a tendency to make it to all four. So, I think we've been very fortunate and very lucky to bring Matt on. He has really blended in well with all of the other Department Directors. I think he'll do an outstanding job for us. He's gotten in and he's already organized some meetings with a number of residents. He has gone out on a couple of visits with the sanitarian. The staff is excited to have him. I know Mr. Thamann is excited to have him; now he can return to his duties as the Assistant City Administrator. With that, I'll give Matt an opportunity to say something.

Mr. Clayton: Thank you, Mr. Parham. I'm very pleased to be here tonight and to meet everyone on Council and very pleased to have the opportunity. I have to say the last six weeks have shown me that we have a great staff within the Health Department. I believe we have an outstanding Board (of Health); we have outstanding leadership and I've seen, over the last six weeks, why we have a tendency for employees to come to Springdale and stay. I'm thrilled to be here. I see that we have accomplished a lot and we're going to get a lot done. I'm very happy to be your new Health Commissioner. Thank you for the opportunity.

City of Springdale Council

October 7, 2015

Mayor Webster: Hold tight there, Matt. I'm going to give you a compliment then I'm going to put you on the spot. Normally when we're looking for a new Health Commissioner, the Health Board usually appoints at least one, maybe two, people to sort of be a liaison to participate in the process. Well, since this was happening over the summer months and we did go in to recess over summer and with vacations and so forth, they just totally delegated that; they told Derrick and I you guys go ahead and do it. So anyway, we did that. We hired Matt in August, August 24th, so he attended his first meeting last month, in September. I have to tell you, and I shared this with Matt, that I've had several members of the Board reach out to me to tell what a great job Derrick and I did. They're very pleased to have Matt on board and I think he's going to do a marvelous job, so we're very happy to have you, Matt. Good luck to you. Now, to put you on the spot – we just heard there's going to be all kinds of activity at the Community Center next Tuesday – is there anything else that's going on?

Mr. Clayton: Yes, sir. We have the Annual Health Fair occurring on October 13th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and we'll have the opportunity for the residents of Springdale and the Springdale employees to come in and get some health screenings and get some information, so we're thrilled to continue the tradition of the Springdale Health Fair; that will be next week.

Mayor Webster: What about flu shots?

Mr. Clayton: Absolutely, yes sir. We'll be administering flu shots.

Mayor Webster: Very good, thank you.

Mr. Knox: I had the pleasure of meeting Matt at the city-wide bash, where he came and inspected the Senior Citizen's booth and he did an excellent job – very forthright and very thorough, so I'm sure he's going to continue in that vein.

Mr. Clayton: Thank you, sir.

President Vanover: Welcome. (Applause)

Ordinances and Resolutions

ORDINANCE No. 22-2015 – FIRST READING

APPROVING A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) AND PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO THE CROSSINGS AT THE PARK PUD (TRI-COUNTY COMMERCE PARK) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Harlow: As a member of the Planning Commission, I would tell you that this is not coming to Council as a project that was very easy for Planning Commission. We worked very hard on this. We worked very hard with the developer, trying to take into consideration our residents in Heritage Hill and our residents at the Crossings. It was a real challenge to try to meet the needs of the developer and meet the needs of the residents at the same time. Thank you.

President Vanover: As I said earlier, this will be on our agenda in two weeks and we will have a Public Hearing to accompany that. With that said, we'll move on.

RESOLUTION No. R11-2015

ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Mr. Knox made a motion to adopt; Mr. Squires seconded.

Resolution No. R11-2015 passed with six affirmative votes. Mr. Hawkins abstained.

City of Springdale Council

October 7, 2015

Old Business

- none

New Business

Mr. Parham: I just wanted to share a little news with you. As you may recall, I believe in maybe September, Mr. Vanover had shared with everyone correspondence he had received from Attorney General Mike DeWine's office relative to the rock salt issue. There were two vendors, Morton and Cargill, between the period of July 2008 to June of 2011 where municipalities had contracted with either of those two rock salt providers and there were indications that perhaps they were joining together to sort of set pricing for rock salt. Well, there was an anti-trust lawsuit brought by the State of Ohio and the settlement reached in that lawsuit was for \$11.5 million. Just this Monday, we received notification, and actually we received the check in the mail, that Springdale had received \$5,046.95. My understanding is that the City of Cleveland in the case of local municipalities, received the largest amount. The \$11.5 million was not all disbursed back to local jurisdictions. In fact, of that amount, \$6.8 million was given to local governments, \$1.7 million was provided to Ohio Department of Transportation, another \$174,000 was given to the Ohio Turnpike Commission, and then, by law, the State's Anti-Trust Fund receives a portion and their portion came to about \$2.8 million. Just for information, during that period, the City purchased about 31,000 tons of rock salt and spent about \$165,000. I believe our particular vendor at that time was Cargill. Although we really don't know what formula they used or how they arrived at the numbers, but the fact of the matter, we really didn't have to do anything. We really didn't know about it until that survey came out. We completed the information, submitted it online back to the Attorney General's Office, and then received the check in the mail so I just wanted to share that with you this evening.

Mr. Knox: It's my night for saying nice things about people. Mayor Webster is not the only one who had the services of EMS in the last two weeks. I was sitting at a traffic light at Kenn Road and Kemper awaiting to take a turn. The light was red and a large red SUV came roaring out of the south and I thought he was going to miss me. Well, he didn't. My car sustained \$7,000 in damage. I immediately called 911 and purposely told them I was in Springdale so our people would respond. Our Police and Fire were there almost immediately. They of course informed Forest Park because technically, that intersection is theirs and they came out. The gentleman who hit me went down about 50 yards, went to the left and crashed into a home in Forest Park. He moved their front steps 18" inches and destroyed their railings so you know he hit pretty hard. I have nothing but good things to say our EMS, about our Police and Fire, especially Captain Michael Hoffman. Since my car wouldn't move, he just volunteered to take me home. Forest Park Police and Fire people did an excellent job also, so I thank them and I salute them. Thank you.

Mayor Webster: Thank you for reminding me, Mr. Knox. I, too, would like to thank our outstanding EMS Services we have here in the City – it's one of the things we try to put a priority on to make sure it's top-notch and I can personally vouch for that. I had to use them unfortunately and I was very, very pleased that I lived in a place where we had that kind of service. Mrs. McNear, do you have liquor permits?

Mrs. McNear: Yes, I do. I do have two liquor license requests this evening. The first one is a new request - it's for Cinsations Management doing business as Cinsations at 340 Glen Springs Drive. This is for a D51 and that is "Spirituous liquor for on premises consumption only, beer and wine for on premises, and off premises in original sealed containers until 2:30 a.m." This is for restaurants meeting certain criteria. Do we have any objections?

Mrs. Harlow: Could you tell me what building that is or what business is currently in that location?

Mrs. McNear: That was the former Applebee's.

Mrs. Harlow: Okay, thank you.

President Vanover: Any objections? Seeing none.

City of Springdale Council

October 7, 2015

Mrs. McNear: Moving on to the next one - Inversiones JES, LLC at 11510 – 11512 Springfield Pike - this is a transfer from City Barbeque on Glenway Avenue. This is a D1 and a D1 license is a Beer only for on premises consumption and in sealed containers for carry out until 1:00 a.m.

President Vanover: Any objections? Seeing none, go ahead.

Mrs. McNear: We'll take care of filing the paperwork. Thank you.

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Harlow: OKI meets tomorrow morning at 10:30 and Planning Commission will meet on October 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Squires: The Springdale Board of Health will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Knox: The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on the 20th of this month, which is of course a Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in this chamber.

Mr. Thamann: A few items this evening. First of all, I'll finish up with the Health Department. The Public Health Nurse is putting on a Healthy U Diabetes self-management program. It starts October 15th and it's a six-week program. It runs every Thursday morning from 09:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. They're focusing on Type II diabetics, monitoring blood sugars, and also diets. It's free to anyone if you're interested. Please sign up; they're looking for people to attend.

The Recreation Department has a few items here. First of all, in conjunction with the Business Expo, Matt mentioned the Community Health Fair, and that will take place – they're going to be doing blood pressure checks, hearing checks, diabetes and BMI screenings as well and also free flu shots. That will be held in the auxiliary gym.

The Springdale Youth Boosters is having their Father-Daughter Dance October 17th. They're taking reservations. The tickets are \$20 per couple. If you have more than one daughter, it's an extra \$5 for each additional. They'll have a DJ for the music. They'll have pizza, soft drinks, and root beer floats. They also said they'd have keepsake photos for everyone to take home as well. Contact the Community Center if you're interested in registering.

Along with Halloween, the Springdale Gone Wild series will present a program that they're calling Let's get Batty about Bats. That will be Tuesday, October 27th, at 7:00 p.m. and they will have a Naturalist from the Hamilton County Parks District to bring some bats along and give you the opportunity to get up close and get a better understanding about bats and these little creatures.

Monster Mania Halloween Carnival is for children aged 2 up through fourth grade. That will be held Saturday, October 31st, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. down at the Community Center. They'll have Halloween-themed games and other activities, costume contests, and treats. Again, this is free of charge and they ask that you contact the Community Center if you're interested in registering for the program.

Finally, Winter Youth Sports Program sign-ups are still ongoing. If you're interested, contact the Community Center for details. That would be for youth basketball, volleyball, and cheerleading. Thank you.

Communications from the Audience - none.

Executive Session

Mrs. Emerson: I make a motion to go into Executive Session as a Committee of the whole to discuss Economic Development.

City of Springdale Council

October 7, 2015

(Mrs. Harlow seconded the motion and Council voted 7 – 0 to go into Executive Session. No action was anticipated from the Executive Session. Council departed chambers at 7:40 p.m.)

(Council reconvened at 8:05 p.m.)

Update on Legislation Still in Development

Mr. Squires: Council, there are two items. As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item II is Ordinance 22-2015, the ordinance Approving a Major Modification to the Planned Unit Development (PUD) and Preliminary Development Plan to Crossings at the Park PUD (Tri-County Commerce Park); that is the First Reading of that. Then we had the second item, (Item I of the Internal Memorandum) which is Resolution No. R11-2015, a resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies for 2016. Those are the two items that will take place under Item 16 on your agenda.

Recap of Legislative Items Requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Squires: There's several items here – Item III on your Memorandum will be Authorizing a Preliminary Ordinance with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation for the State Route 4 Southbound Lane Addition Project and Declaring an Emergency. Item IV is forthcoming, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 94 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Springdale Regarding Municipal Income Tax. There was no legislation coming out of the Executive Session.

Council adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

_____, 2015